

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Claims 1-326 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 327. (Previously presented) A multipurpose handheld implement comprising:
a first member and a second member, said first and second members being connected together to move between a first position, in which they form an elongated body, and a second position;
wherein said first and second members comprise a staple magazine, a staple driver and a staple anvil of a stapler;
wherein said first and second members comprise a punch, a hole die and a lever of a puncher, said lever positioned to actuate the punch;
said members when in the second position forming an interspace to receive a workpiece for processing by one of the stapler and the puncher as the first and second members are moved relative to one another;
wherein at least one of said members comprises at least one additional tool movable between respective storing and working positions, said first and second members when in said first position forming a grip for handling said at least one additional tool in its working position.

Claim 328. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 327, wherein the first and second members each comprise a hollow outer shell with a circumferential contour defining a respective base surface.

Claim 329. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 328, wherein the circumferential contours of the hollow shells of the first and second members when in the first position face one another.

Claim 330. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 328, wherein the shells in said first position are arranged in substantial mirror symmetry so that the contours of the shells are substantially aligned.

Claim 331. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 328, wherein each shell comprises a pair of substantially plane lateral surfaces extending substantially orthogonally to the base surface, and top and front surfaces having rounded contours.

Claim 332. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 327, wherein one of said members has an outer contour comprising a flattened section.

Claim 333. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 328, wherein in said first position the two base surfaces are spaced apart.

Claim 334. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 328, wherein the shells in said first position are at least partly arranged in spaced apart relationship and in said first position form an interspace therebetween, said interspace being open to at least one end of the

implement and forming a slot for material to be processed by said stapler and said puncher, respectively.

Claim 335. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 327, wherein one of said first and second members in said first position is received at least partially in the other of said first and second members.

Claim 336. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 327, wherein one of said members comprises a recess into which at least a part of the other of said members is displaceable.

Claim 337. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 335, wherein, in said first position, respective outer contours of said members are substantially flush.

Claim 338. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 335, wherein an insertion slot for receiving material to be processed is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the staple anvil of said stapler.

Claim 339. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 335, wherein an insertion slot for receiving material to be processed is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the hole die of said puncher.

Claim 340. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 331, wherein the lateral surfaces of at least one member are depressed relative to the contours of the top and front surfaces.

Claim 341. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 328, wherein at least one of the members comprises a metallic core and a plastic cover cap mounted on said core.

Claim 342. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 341, wherein said at least one core is U-shaped and comprises a U-base and a pair of U-legs, the U-base forming the base surface and the U-legs defining the lateral surfaces of the respective member.

Claim 343. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 331, wherein at least one actuating element is disposed on at least one of the lateral surfaces.

Claim 344. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 343, wherein the at least one actuating element is substantially flush with the contours of a top and end surface of the member provided with the at least one actuating element.

Claim 345. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 328, wherein the members are interconnected adjacent a frontal surface by means of a pivot, the axis of which extends orthogonal to a longitudinal axis and parallel to the base surfaces of said members.

Claim 346. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 345, wherein one of the members comprises a bearing bracket which extends into a hollow space of the other member wherein said pivot is disposed.

Claim 347. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 327, wherein one of said members forms a lever-like actuator for the stapler.

Claim 348. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 327, wherein one of said members forms a lever-like actuator for the puncher.

Claim 349. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 327, wherein said members are spring biased into the second position which is defined by stops.

Claim 350. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 349, wherein the stops are inactivatable.

Claim 351. (Previously presented) The implement of Claim 327, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided.

Claim 352. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 351, wherein said locking element includes a manually operated actuator.

Claim 353. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 352, wherein said actuator comprises a slider switch.

Claim 354. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 352, wherein said actuator is disposed at a top surface of the one of said members including the locking element.

Claim 355. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 352, wherein the members are interconnected by a pivot adjacent one end of the members, and wherein said actuator is disposed adjacent the other end of the members.

Claim 356. (Previously cancelled)

Claim 357. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 351, wherein the locking element is displaceable parallel to a top surface of the respective member.

Claims 358-360 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 361. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 351, wherein said other of said members comprises a bracket, and wherein the bracket comprises the locking receiver.

Claim 362. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 327, further comprising means for selectively activating and deactivating the stapler.

Claim 363. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 327, further comprising means for automatically deactivating the stapler after each stapling operation so that when the first and second members are in the first position after said stapling operation the stapler is inactive; and means for manually activating the stapler after deactivation by said deactivating means.

Claims 364-365 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 366. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 362, wherein the first activating mechanism is located within an area adjacent to said staple driver.

Claims 367-446 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 447. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 327, wherein at least one of said members is provided with a cavity for receiving said at least one additional tool in its storing position.

Claim 448. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 327, wherein the at least one additional tool is slideably disposed in at least one of the members.

Claim 449. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 448, wherein the at least one additional tool comprises a slide-action locking bar which is actuatable from the exterior.

Claim 450. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 327, wherein a plurality of additional tools are disposed parallel to a longitudinal extension of the members.

Claim 451. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 448, wherein the at least one member comprises slots at at least one of its end surfaces, said at least one additional tool being slidable through said slots into its working positions.

Claim 452. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 448, wherein said at least one additional tool has a guiding shank provided at its rear end with respect to the telescoping direction.

Claim 453. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 452, wherein a longitudinal guide for said guiding shank is provided.

Claim 454. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 453, wherein the guiding shank is provided with a sliding block.

Claim 455. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 448, wherein the at least one additional tool is slidable along one of its top and lateral surfaces of the corresponding member.

Claim 456. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 327, wherein the at least one additional tool is pivotably connected with the at least one of said members such that it is pivotable out of said member into its working position.

Claim 457. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 327, wherein at least one removable tool is disposed in at least one of the members and is removable from said member.

Claim 458. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 327, wherein the at least one additional tool is spring-biased in at least one of its storing and working positions.

Claim 459. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 327, wherein the at least one additional tool is releasably lockable in at least one of its storing and working positions.

Claim 460. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 459, wherein the at least one additional tool is lockable via a catch.

Claim 461. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 459, further comprising an actuator for unlocking at least one of said additional tools.

Claim 462. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 448, wherein slots are provided for said slide-action locking bars.

Claim 463. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 459, wherein slots are provided for keys for releasably locking said tool.

Claim 464. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 461, wherein the actuator is movable in a slot in one of the top and lateral surfaces of said member taking up said additional tool.

Claim 465. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 461, wherein said actuator is operative to unlock a plurality of said additional tools.

Claim 466. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 327, wherein said at least one additional tool comprises a tool selected from the group consisting of a scissors, a knife blade, a cutter, a staple remover, a screw driver, an extendable pointer, a magnifier, and a rule.

Claim 467. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 327, wherein at least one of the members comprises adjacent channels extending in a longitudinal direction of the member, wherein in one of said channels functional elements of said stapler and said puncher, respectively, are disposed, and wherein in at least one channel said additional tools are disposed.

Claims 468-500 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 501. (Previously Presented) The implement of claim 327, wherein said elongated body is substantially closed.

Claims 502-503 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 504. (Previously presented) A multipurpose handheld implement comprising: a first member and a second member, said first and second members being connected together to move between a first position, in which they form an elongated body, and a second position;

means for releasably holding the first and second members in the first position; wherein said first and second members comprise a staple magazine, a staple driver and a staple anvil of a stapler;

wherein said first and second members comprise a punch, a hole die and a lever of a puncher, said lever being positioned to actuate the punch;
said members when in the second position forming an interspace to receive a workpiece for processing by one of the stapler and the puncher as the first and second members are moved relative to one another;

wherein at least one of said members comprises at least one additional tool movable between respective storing and working positions, said first and second members when in said first position forming a grip for handling said at least one additional tool in its working position.

Claim 505. (Previously presented) A multipurpose handheld implement comprising:

a first member and a second member, said first and second members being connected together to move between a first position, in which they form an elongated body, and a second position;

a releasable latch operative to hold the first and second members in the first position; wherein said first and second members comprise a staple magazine, a staple driver and a staple anvil of a stapler;

wherein said first and second members comprise a punch, a hole die and a lever of a puncher, said lever being positioned to actuate the punch; said members when in the second position forming an interspace to receive a workpiece for processing by one of the stapler and the puncher as the first and second members are moved relative to one another;

wherein at least one of said members comprises at least one additional tool movable between respective storing and working positions, said first and second members when in said first position forming a grip for handling said at least one additional tool in its working position.

Claim 506. (Previously presented) A multipurpose handheld implement comprising:

a first member and a second member, said first and second members being connected together to move between a first position, in which they form an elongated body, and a second position;

wherein said first and second members comprise a punch, a hole die and a lever of a puncher, said lever positioned to actuate the punch;

said members when in the second position forming an interspace to receive a workpiece for processing by the puncher as the first and second members are moved relative to one another;

a releasable latch operative to hold the first and second members in the first position;

wherein at least one of said members comprises at least one additional tool movable between respective storing and working positions, said first and second members when in said first position forming a grip for handling said at least one additional tool in its working position.

Claims 507-521 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 522. (Previously presented) A multipurpose handheld implement comprising:

a first member and a second member, said first and second members being connected together to move between a first position, in which they form an elongated body, and a second position;

wherein said first and second members comprise a punch, a hole die and a lever of a puncher, said lever positioned to actuate the punch;

said members when in the second position forming an interspace to receive a workpiece for processing by the puncher as the first and second members are moved relative to one another;

means for releasably holding the first and second members in the first position
wherein at least one of said members comprises at least one additional tool
movable between respective storing and working positions, said first and second members when
in said first position forming a grip for handling said at least one additional tool in its working
position.

Claim 523 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 524. (Previously presented) A multipurpose handheld implement comprising:
a first member and a second member, said first and second members being
connected together to move between a first position, in which they form an elongated body, and a
second position;
wherein said first and second members comprise a punch, a hole die and a lever of
a puncher, said lever positioned to actuate the punch;
said members when in the second position forming an interspace to receive a
workpiece for processing by the puncher as the first and second members are moved relative to
one another;
wherein at least one of said members comprises at least one additional tool
movable between respective storing and working positions, said first and second members when
in said first position forming a grip for handling said at least one additional tool in its working
position.

Claim 525 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 526. ((Previously Presented) A multipurpose handheld implement comprising:

an elongated body;

wherein the body comprises a puncher with a punch, a hole die, an actuating member for actuating the punch, and a compartment provided under the hole die for receiving punching chips;

wherein the body accommodates at least one additional tool in a storing position from which it is movable into a working position in which the body is forming a grip for handling the at least one additional tool; and

wherein the compartment and the at least one additional tools are arranged behind each other.

Claims 527-529 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 530. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 327, wherein the at least one additional tool is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the staple anvil of said stapler and the hole die of said puncher, respectively.

Claim 531. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 524, wherein the first and second members each comprise a hollow outer shell with a circumferential contour defining a respective base surface.

Claim 532. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 531, wherein the circumferential contours of the hollow shells of the first and second members when in the first position face one another.

Claim 533. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 531, wherein the shells in said first position are arranged in substantial mirror symmetry so that the contours of the shells are substantially aligned.

Claim 534. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 531, wherein each shell comprises a pair of substantially plane lateral surfaces extending substantially orthogonally to the base surface, and top and front surfaces having rounded contours.

Claim 535. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 524, wherein one of said members has an outer contour comprising a flattened section.

Claim 536. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 531, wherein in said first position the two base surfaces are spaced apart.

Claim 537. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 531, wherein the shells in said first position are at least partly arranged in spaced apart relationship and in said first position form an interspace therebetween, said interspace being open to at least one end of the implement and forming a slot for material to be processed by said puncher.

Claim 538. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 524, wherein one of said first and second members in said first position is received at least partially in the other of said first and second members.

Claim 539. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 524, wherein one of said members comprises a recess into which at least a part of the other of said members is displaceable.

Claim 540. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 538, wherein, in said first position, respective outer contours of said members are substantially flush.

Claim 541. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 538, wherein an insertion slot for receiving material to be processed is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the hole die of said puncher.

Claim 542. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 534, wherein the lateral surfaces of at least one member are depressed relative to the contours of the top and front surfaces.

Claim 543. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 531, wherein at least one of the members comprises a metallic core and a plastic cover cap mounted on said core.

Claim 544. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 543, wherein said at least one core is U-shaped and comprises a U-base and a pair of U-legs, the U-base forming the base surface and the U-legs defining the lateral surfaces of the respective member.

Claim 545. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 534, wherein at least one actuating element is disposed on at least one of the lateral surfaces.

Claim 546. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 545, wherein the at least one actuating element is substantially flush with the contours of a top and end surface of the member provided with the at least one actuating element.

Claim 547. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 531, wherein the members are interconnected adjacent a frontal surface by means of a pivot, the axis of which extends orthogonal to a longitudinal axis and parallel to the base surfaces of said members.

Claim 548. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 547, wherein one of the members comprises a bearing bracket which extends into a hollow space of the other member wherein said pivot is disposed.

Claim 549. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 524, wherein one of said members forms a lever-like actuator for the puncher.

Claim 550. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 524, wherein said members are spring biased into the second position which is defined by stops.

Claim 551. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 550, wherein the stops are inactivatable.

Claim 552. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 524, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided.

Claim 553. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 552, wherein said locking element includes a manually operated actuator.

Claim 554. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 553, wherein said actuator comprises a slider switch.

Claim 555. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 553, wherein said actuator is disposed at a top surface of the one of said members including the locking element.

Claim 556. (Previously Presented), The implement of Claim 553, wherein the members are interconnected by a pivot adjacent one end of the members, and wherein said actuator is disposed adjacent the other end of the members.

Claim 557. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 552, wherein the locking element is displaceable parallel to a top surface of the respective member.

Claim 558. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 552, wherein said other of said members comprises a bracket, and wherein the bracket comprises the locking receiver.

Claim 559. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 524, wherein at least one of said members is provided with a cavity for receiving said at least one additional tool in its storing position.

Claim 560. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 524, wherein the at least one additional tool is slideably disposed in at least one of the members.

Claim 561. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 560, wherein the at least one additional tool comprises a slide-action locking bar which is actuatable from the exterior.

Claim 562. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 524, wherein a plurality of additional tools are disposed parallel to a longitudinal extension of the members.

Claim 563. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 560, wherein the at least one member comprises slots at at least one of its end surfaces, said at least one additional tool being slideable through said slots into its working positions.

Claim 564. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 560, wherein said at least one additional tool has a guiding shank provided at its rear end with respect to the telescoping direction.

Claim 565. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 564, wherein a longitudinal guide for said guiding shank is provided.

Claim 566. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 565, wherein the guiding shank is provided with a sliding block.

Claim 567. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 560, wherein the at least one additional tool is slideable along one of its top and lateral surfaces of the corresponding member.

Claim 568. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 524, wherein the at least one additional tool is pivotably connected with the at least one of said members such that it is pivotable out of said member into its working position.

Claim 569. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 524, wherein at least one removable tool is disposed in at least one of the members and is removable from said member.

Claim 570. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 524, wherein the at least one additional tool is spring-biased in at least one of its storing and working positions.

Claim 571. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 524, wherein the at least one additional tool is releasably lockable in at least one of its storing and working positions.

Claim 572. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 571, wherein the at least one additional tool is lockable via a catch.

Claim 573. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 571, further comprising an actuator for unlocking at least one of said additional tools.

Claim 574. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 560, wherein slots are provided for said slide-action locking bars.

Claim 575. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 571, wherein slots are provided for keys for releasably locking said tool.

Claim 576. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 573, wherein the actuator is movable in a slot in one of the top and lateral surfaces of said member taking up said additional tool.

Claim 577. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 573, wherein said actuator is operative to unlock a plurality of said additional tools.

Claim 578. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 524, wherein said at least one additional tool comprises a tool selected from the group consisting of a scissors, a knife blade, a cutter, a staple remover, a screw driver, an extendable pointer, a magnifier, and a rule.

Claim 579. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 524, wherein at least one of the members comprises adjacent channels extending in a longitudinal direction of the member, wherein in one of said channels functional elements of said puncher are disposed, and wherein in at least one channel said additional tools are disposed.

Claim 580. (Previously Presented) The implement of claim 524, wherein said elongated body is substantially closed.

Claim 581. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 524, wherein the at least one additional tool is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the hole die of said puncher.

Claim 582. (Previously Presented) A multipurpose handheld implement comprising:
a first member and a second member, said first and second members being connected together to move between a first position, in which they form an elongated body, and a second position;

wherein said first and second members comprise at least one of the tools of a group of a stapler and a puncher, said stapler comprising a staple magazine, a staple driver and a staple anvil of a stapler and said puncher comprising a punch, a hole die and a lever, said lever being positioned to actuate the punch;

wherein said first and second members when in the second position form an interspace to receive a workpiece for processing by one of the stapler and the puncher as the first and second members are moved relative to each other;

wherein at least one of said members further comprises at least one additional tool in a storing position from which the at least one additional tool is movable into a working position;

wherein said first and second members have substantially mirror symmetrical outer contours and form a grip for handling said at least one additional tool when in the first position in which said members are substantially aligned.

Claim 583. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, wherein the first and second members each comprise a hollow outer shell with a circumferential contour defining a respective base surface.

Claim 584. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 583, wherein the circumferential contours of the hollow shells of the first and second members when in the first position face one another.

Claim 585. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 583, wherein the shells in said first position are arranged in substantial mirror symmetry so that the contours of the shells are substantially aligned.

Claim 586. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 583, wherein each shell comprises a pair of substantially plane lateral surfaces extending substantially orthogonally to the base surface, and top and front surfaces having rounded contours.

Claim 587. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, wherein one of said members has an outer contour comprising a flattened section.

Claim 588. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 583, wherein in said first position the two base surfaces are spaced apart.

Claim 589. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 583, wherein the shells in said first position are at least partly arranged in spaced apart relationship and in said first position form an interspace therebetween, said interspace being open to at least one end of the implement and forming a slot for material to be processed by said stapler and said puncher, respectively.

Claim 590. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, wherein one of said first and second members in said first position is received at least partially in the other of said first and second members.

Claim 591. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, wherein one of said members comprises a recess into which at least a part of the other of said members is displaceable.

Claim 592. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 590, wherein, in said first position, respective outer contours of said members are substantially flush.

Claim 593. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 590, wherein an insertion slot for receiving material to be processed is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the staple anvil of said stapler.

Claim 594. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 590, wherein an insertion slot for receiving material to be processed is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the hole die of said puncher.

Claim 595. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 586, wherein the lateral surfaces of at least one member are depressed relative to the contours of the top and front surfaces.

Claim 596. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 583, wherein at least one of the members comprises a metallic core and a plastic cover cap mounted on said core.

Claim 597. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 596, wherein said at least one core is U-shaped and comprises a U-base and a pair of U-legs, the U-base forming the base surface and the U-legs defining the lateral surfaces of the respective member.

Claim 598. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 586, wherein at least one actuating element is disposed on at least one of the lateral surfaces.

Claim 599. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 598, wherein the at least one actuating element is substantially flush with the contours of a top and end surface of the member provided with the at least one actuating element.

Claim 600. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 583, wherein the members are interconnected adjacent a frontal surface by means of a pivot, the axis of which extends orthogonal to a longitudinal axis and parallel to the base surfaces of said members.

Claim 601. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 600, wherein one of the members comprises a bearing bracket which extends into a hollow space of the other member wherein said pivot is disposed.

Claim 602. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, wherein one of said members forms a lever-like actuator for the stapler.

Claim 603. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, wherein one of said members forms a lever-like actuator for the puncher.

Claim 604. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, wherein said members are spring biased into the second position which is defined by stops.

Claim 605. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 604, wherein the stops are inactivatable.

Claim 606. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein said locking element includes a manually operated actuator.

Claim 607. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 606, wherein said actuator comprises a slider switch.

Claim 608. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 606, wherein said actuator is disposed at a top surface of the one of said members including the locking element.

Claim 609. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 606, wherein the members are interconnected by a pivot adjacent one end of the members, and wherein said actuator is disposed adjacent the other end of the members.

Claim 610. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein the locking element is displaceable parallel to a top surface of the respective member.

Claim 611. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein said other of said members comprises a bracket, and wherein the bracket comprises the locking receiver.

Claim 612. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, further comprising means for selectively activating and deactivating the stapler.

Claim 613. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, further comprising means for automatically deactivating the stapler after each stapling operation so that when the first and second members are in the first position after said stapling operation the stapler is inactive; and

means for manually activating the stapler after deactivation by said deactivating means.

Claim 614. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582,
wherein one of said members comprises a first activating mechanism for activating said stapler, and a second activating mechanism for releasing said latch; and
wherein the first and second activating mechanisms are manually operable from at least one position external to said one of the members.

Claim 615. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 614, wherein each of said first and second activating mechanisms comprises a manually operated actuator.

Claim 616. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 612, wherein the first activating mechanism is located within an area adjacent to said staple driver.

Claim 617. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 615, wherein said member comprises a top surface, a pair of lateral surfaces and a pair of end surfaces, the actuator for activating said stapler being provided at the end surface adjacent to the staple driver and the actuator for activating said latch being positioned at the top surface.

Claim 618. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, wherein at least one of said members is provided with a cavity for receiving said at least one additional tool in its storing position.

Claim 619. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, wherein the at least one additional tool is slideably disposed in at least one of the members.

Claim 620. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 619, wherein the at least one additional tool comprises a slide-action locking bar which is actuatable from the exterior.

Claim 621. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, wherein a plurality of additional tools are disposed parallel to a longitudinal extension of the members.

Claim 622. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 619, wherein the at least one member comprises slots at at least one of its end surfaces, said at least one additional tool being slidable through said slots into its working positions.

Claim 623. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 619, wherein said at least one additional tool has a guiding shank provided at its rear end with respect to the telescoping direction.

Claim 624. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 623, wherein a longitudinal guide for said guiding shank is provided.

Claim 625. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 624, wherein the guiding shank is provided with a sliding block.

Claim 626. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 619, wherein the at least one additional tool is slidably along one of its top and lateral surfaces of the corresponding member.

Claim 627. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, wherein the at least one additional tool is pivotably connected with the at least one of said members such that it is pivotable out of said member into its working position.

Claim 628. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, wherein at least one removable tool is disposed in at least one of the members and is removable from said member.

Claim 629. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, wherein the at least one additional tool is spring-biased in at least one of its storing and working positions.

Claim 630. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, wherein the at least one additional tool is releasably lockable in at least one of its storing and working positions.

Claim 631. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 630, wherein the at least one additional tool is lockable via a catch.

Claim 632. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 630, further comprising an actuator for unlocking at least one of said additional tools.

Claim 633. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 619, wherein slots are provided for said slide-action locking bars.

Claim 634. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 630, wherein slots are provided for keys for releasably locking said tool.

Claim 635. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 632, wherein the actuator is movable in a slot in one of the top and lateral surfaces of said member taking up said additional tool.

Claim 636. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 632, wherein said actuator is operative to unlock a plurality of said additional tools.

Claim 637. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, wherein said at least one additional tool comprises a tool selected from the group consisting of a scissors, a knife blade, a cutter, a staple remover, a screw driver, an extendable pointer, a magnifier, and a rule.

Claim 638. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, wherein at least one of the members comprises adjacent channels extending in a longitudinal direction of the member, wherein in one of said channels functional elements of said stapler and said puncher, respectively, are disposed, and wherein in at least one channel said additional tools are disposed.

Claim 639. (Previously Presented) The implement of claim 582, wherein said elongated body is substantially closed.

Claim 640. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, wherein the at least one additional tool is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the staple anvil of said stapler and the hole die of said puncher, respectively.

Claim 641. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 582, comprising means for releasably holding the first and second members in the first position.

Claim 642. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 641, wherein said means comprises a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member.

Claim 643. (Previously Presented) A multipurpose handheld implement comprising:
a first member and a second member, said first and second members being connected together to move about an axis between a first position, in which they form an elongated body, and a second position;

wherein said first and second members comprise at least one of the tools of a group of a stapler and a puncher, said stapler comprising a staple magazine, a staple driver and a staple anvil of a stapler and said puncher comprising a punch, a hole die and a lever, said lever being positioned to actuate the punch;

wherein said first and second members when in the second position form an interspace to receive a workpiece for processing by one of the stapler and the puncher as the first and second members are moved relative to each other;

wherein at least one of said members further comprises at least one additional bladelike tool in a storing position from which it is movable into a working position, said at least one additional tool having a broadside lying within a radial plane of said axis;

wherein said first and second members in the first position form a grip for handling said at least one additional bladelike tool in its working position.

Claim 644. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, wherein the first and second members each comprise a hollow outer shell with a circumferential contour defining a respective base surface.

Claim 645. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 644, wherein the circumferential contours of the hollow shells of the first and second members when in the first position face one another.

Claim 646. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 644, wherein the shells in said first position are arranged in substantial mirror symmetry so that the contours of the shells are substantially aligned.

Claim 647. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 644, wherein each shell comprises a pair of substantially plane lateral surfaces extending substantially orthogonally to the base surface, and top and front surfaces having rounded contours.

Claim 648. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, wherein one of said members has an outer contour comprising a flattened section.

Claim 649. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 644, wherein in said first position the two base surfaces are spaced apart.

Claim 650. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 644, wherein the shells in said first position are at least partly arranged in spaced apart relationship and in said first position form an interspace therebetween, said interspace being open to at least one end of the implement and forming a slot for material to be processed by said stapler and said puncher, respectively.

Claim 651. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, wherein one of said first and second members in said first position is received at least partially in the other of said first and second members.

Claim 652. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, wherein one of said members comprises a recess into which at least a part of the other of said members is displaceable.

Claim 653. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 651, wherein, in said first position, respective outer contours of said members are substantially flush.

Claim 654. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 651, wherein an insertion slot for receiving material to be processed is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the staple anvil of said stapler.

Claim 655. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 651, wherein an insertion slot for receiving material to be processed is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the hole die of said puncher.

Claim 656. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 647, wherein the lateral surfaces of at least one member are depressed relative to the contours of the top and front surfaces.

Claim 657. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 644, wherein at least one of the members comprises a metallic core and a plastic cover cap mounted on said core.

Claim 658. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 657, wherein said at least one core is U-shaped and comprises a U-base and a pair of U-legs, the U-base forming the base surface and the U-legs defining the lateral surfaces of the respective member.

Claim 659. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 647, wherein at least one actuating element is disposed on at least one of the lateral surfaces.

Claim 660. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 659, wherein the at least one actuating element is substantially flush with the contours of a top and end surface of the member provided with the at least one actuating element.

Claim 661. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 644, wherein the members are interconnected adjacent a frontal surface by means of a pivot, the axis of which extends orthogonal to a longitudinal axis and parallel to the base surfaces of said members.

Claim 662. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 661, wherein one of the members comprises a bearing bracket which extends into a hollow space of the other member wherein said pivot is disposed.

Claim 663. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, wherein one of said members forms a lever-like actuator for the stapler.

Claim 664. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, wherein one of said members forms a lever-like actuator for the puncher.

Claim 665. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, wherein said members are spring biased into the second position which is defined by stops.

Claim 666. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 665, wherein the stops are inactivatable.

Claim 667. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein said locking element includes a manually operated actuator.

Claim 668. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 667, wherein said actuator comprises a slider switch.

Claim 669. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 667, wherein said actuator is disposed at a top surface of the one of said members including the locking element.

Claim 670. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 667, wherein the members are interconnected by a pivot adjacent one end of the members, and wherein said actuator is disposed adjacent the other end of the members.

Claim 671. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein the locking element is displaceable parallel to a top surface of the respective member.

Claim 672. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein said other of said members comprises a bracket, and wherein the bracket comprises the locking receiver.

Claim 673. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, further comprising means for selectively activating and deactivating the stapler.

Claim 674. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, further comprising means for automatically deactivating the stapler after each stapling operation so that when the first and second members are in the first position after said stapling operation the stapler is inactive; and

means for manually activating the stapler after deactivation by said deactivating means.

Claim 675. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, wherein one of said members comprises a first activating mechanism for activating said stapler, and a second activating mechanism for releasing said latch; and

wherein the first and second activating mechanisms are manually operable from at least one position external to said one of the members.

Claim 676. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 675, wherein each of said first and second activating mechanisms comprises a manually operated actuator.

Claim 677. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 673, wherein the first activating mechanism is located within an area adjacent to said staple driver.

Claim 678. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 676, wherein said member comprises a top surface, a pair of lateral surfaces and a pair of end surfaces, the actuator for activating said stapler being provided at the end surface adjacent to the staple driver and the actuator for activating said latch being positioned at the top surface.

Claim 679. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, wherein at least one of said members is provided with a cavity for receiving said at least one additional tool in its storing position.

Claim 680. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, wherein the at least one additional tool is slideably disposed in at least one of the members.

Claim 681. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 680, wherein the at least one additional tool comprises a slide-action locking bar which is actuatable from the exterior.

Claim 682. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, wherein a plurality of additional tools are disposed parallel to a longitudinal extension of the members.

Claim 683. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 680, wherein the at least one member comprises slots at at least one of its end surfaces, said at least one additional tool being slideable through said slots into its working positions.

Claim 684. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 680, wherein said at least one additional tool has a guiding shank provided at its rear end with respect to the telescoping direction.

Claim 685. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 684, wherein a longitudinal guide for said guiding shank is provided.

Claim 686. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 685, wherein the guiding shank is provided with a sliding block.

Claim 687. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 680, wherein the at least one additional tool is slideable along one of its top and lateral surfaces of the corresponding member.

Claim 688. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, wherein the at least one additional tool is pivotably connected with the at least one of said members such that it is pivotable out of said member into its working position.

Claim 689. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, wherein at least one removable tool is disposed in at least one of the members and is removable from said member.

Claim 690. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, wherein the at least one additional tool is spring-biased in at least one of its storing and working positions.

Claim 691. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, wherein the at least one additional tool is releasably lockable in at least one of its storing and working positions.

Claim 692. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 691, wherein the at least one additional tool is lockable via a catch.

Claim 693. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 691, further comprising an actuator for unlocking at least one of said additional tools.

Claim 694. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 680, wherein slots are provided for said slide-action locking bars.

Claim 695. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 691, wherein slots are provided for keys for releasably locking said tool.

Claim 696. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 693, wherein the actuator is movable in a slot in one of the top and lateral surfaces of said member taking up said additional tool.

Claim 697. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 693, wherein said actuator is operative to unlock a plurality of said additional tools.

Claim 698. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, wherein said at least one additional bladelike tool comprises a tool selected from the group consisting of a scissors, a knife, a cutter, a staple remover, a screw driver, a magnifier, and a rule.

Claim 699. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, wherein at least one of the members comprises adjacent channels extending in a longitudinal direction of the member, wherein in one of said channels functional elements of said stapler and said puncher, respectively, are disposed, and wherein in at least one channel said additional tools are disposed.

Claim 700. (Previously Presented) The implement of claim 643, wherein said elongated body is substantially closed.

Claim 701. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, wherein the at least one additional tool is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the staple anvil of said stapler and the hole die of said puncher, respectively.

Claim 702. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 643, comprising means for releasably holding the first and second members in the first position.

Claim 703. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 702, wherein said means comprises a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member.

Claim 704. (Previously Presented) A multipurpose handheld implement comprising: a first member and a second member, said first and second members being connected together to move between a first position, in which they form an elongated body, and a second position;

wherein said first and second members comprise at least one of the tools of a group of a stapler and a puncher, said stapler comprising a staple magazine, a staple driver and a staple anvil of a stapler and said puncher comprising a punch, a hole die and a lever, said lever being positioned to actuate the punch;

wherein said first and second members when in the second position form an interspace to receive a workpiece for processing by one of the stapler and the puncher as the first and second members are moved relative to each other;

wherein at least one of said members further comprises at least two additional tools in a storing position in a substantially parallel manner in longitudinal direction of the body from which storing position the additional tools are movable into a working position by the same kind of motion; and

wherein said first and second members in the first position form a grip for handling all of the additional tools in their working position.

Claim 705. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 704, wherein the first and second members each comprise a hollow outer shell with a circumferential contour defining a respective base surface.

Claim 706. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 705, wherein the circumferential contours of the hollow shells of the first and second members when in the first position face one another.

Claim 707. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 705, wherein the shells in said first position are arranged in substantial mirror symmetry so that the contours of the shells are substantially aligned.

Claim 708. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 705, wherein each shell comprises a pair of substantially plane lateral surfaces extending substantially orthogonally to the base surface, and top and front surfaces having rounded contours.

Claim 709. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 704, wherein one of said members has an outer contour comprising a flattened section.

Claim 710. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 705, wherein in said first position the two base surfaces are spaced apart.

Claim 711. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 705, wherein the shells in said first position are at least partly arranged in spaced apart relationship and in said first position form an interspace therebetween, said interspace being open to at least one end of the implement and forming a slot for material to be processed by said stapler and said puncher, respectively.

Claim 712. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 704, wherein one of said first and second members in said first position is received at least partially in the other of said first and second members.

Claim 713. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 704, wherein one of said members comprises a recess into which at least a part of the other of said members is displaceable.

Claim 714. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 712, wherein, in said first position, respective outer contours of said members are substantially flush.

Claim 715. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 712, wherein an insertion slot for receiving material to be processed is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the staple anvil of said stapler.

Claim 716. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 712, wherein an insertion slot for receiving material to be processed is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the hole die of said puncher.

Claim 717. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 708, wherein the lateral surfaces of at least one member are depressed relative to the contours of the top and front surfaces.

Claim 718. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 705, wherein at least one of the members comprises a metallic core and a plastic cover cap mounted on said core.

Claim 719. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 718, wherein said at least one core is U-shaped and comprises a U-base and a pair of U-legs, the U-base forming the base surface and the U-legs defining the lateral surfaces of the respective member.

Claim 720. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 708, wherein at least one actuating element is disposed on at least one of the lateral surfaces.

Claim 721. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 720, wherein the at least one actuating element is substantially flush with the contours of a top and end surface of the member provided with the at least one actuating element.

Claim 722. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 705, wherein the members are interconnected adjacent a frontal surface by means of a pivot, the axis of which extends orthogonal to a longitudinal axis and parallel to the base surfaces of said members.

Claim 723. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 722, wherein one of the members comprises a bearing bracket which extends into a hollow space of the other member wherein said pivot is disposed.

Claim 724. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 704, wherein one of said members forms a lever-like actuator for the stapler.

Claim 725. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 704, wherein one of said members forms a lever-like actuator for the puncher.

Claim 726. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 704, wherein said members are spring biased into the second position which is defined by stops.

Claim 727. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 726, wherein the stops are inactivatable.

Claim 728. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 704, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein said locking element includes a manually operated actuator.

Claim 729. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 728, wherein said actuator comprises a slider switch.

Claim 730. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 728, wherein said actuator is disposed at a top surface of the one of said members including the locking element.

Claim 731. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 728, wherein the members are interconnected by a pivot adjacent one end of the members, and wherein said actuator is disposed adjacent the other end of the members.

Claim 732. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 704, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein the locking element is displaceable parallel to a top surface of the respective member.

Claim 733. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 704, wherein a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein said other of said members comprises a bracket, and wherein the bracket comprises the locking receiver.

Claim 734. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 704, further comprising means for selectively activating and deactivating the stapler.

Claim 735. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 704, further comprising means for automatically deactivating the stapler after each stapling operation so that when the first and second members are in the first position after said stapling operation the stapler is inactive; and

means for manually activating the stapler after deactivation by said deactivating means.

Claim 736. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 704,
wherein one of said members comprises a first activating mechanism for activating said
stapler, and a second activating mechanism for releasing said latch; and
wherein the first and second activating mechanisms are manually operable from at least
one position external to said one of the members.

Claim 737. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 736, wherein each of said
first and second activating mechanisms comprises a manually operated actuator.

Claim 738. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 734, wherein the first
activating mechanism is located within an area adjacent to said staple driver.

Claim 739. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 737, wherein said member
comprises a top surface, a pair of lateral surfaces and a pair of end surfaces, the actuator for
activating said stapler being provided at the end surface adjacent to the staple driver and the
actuator for activating said latch being positioned at the top surface.

Claim 740. (Currently Amended) The implement of Claim 704, wherein at least one of said
members is provided with a cavity for receiving said at least ~~one~~ two additional tools in its their
storing position.

Claim 741. (Currently Amended) The implement of Claim 704, wherein the at least ~~one~~ two
additional tools ~~is~~ are slideably disposed in at least one of the members.

Claim 742. (Currently Amended) The implement of Claim 741, wherein the at least ~~one~~ two
additional tools ~~comprises~~ a slide-action locking bar which is actuatable from the exterior.

Claim 743. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 704, wherein a plurality of additional tools are disposed parallel to a longitudinal extension of the members.

Claim 744. (Currently Amended) The implement of Claim 741, wherein the at least one member comprises slots at at least one of its end surfaces, said at least ~~one~~ two additional tools being slideable through said slots into its working positions.

Claim 745. (Currently Amended) The implement of Claim 741, wherein said at least ~~one~~ two additional tools ~~has~~ have a guiding shank provided at its rear end with respect to the telescoping direction.

Claim 746. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 745, wherein a longitudinal guide for said guiding shank is provided.

Claim 747. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 746, wherein the guiding shank is provided with a sliding block.

Claim 748. (Currently Amended) The implement of Claim 741, wherein the at least ~~one~~ two additional tools ~~is~~ are slideable along one of its top and lateral surfaces of the corresponding member.

Claim 749. (Currently Amended) The implement of Claim 704, wherein the at least ~~one~~ two additional tools ~~is~~ are pivotably connected with the at least one of said members such that it is pivotable out of said member into its working position.

Claim 750. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 704, wherein at least one removable tool is disposed in at least one of the members and is removable from said member.

Claim 751. (Currently Amended) The implement of Claim 704, wherein the at least ~~one~~ two additional tools ~~is~~ are spring-biased in at least one of its storing and working positions.

Claim 752. (Currently Amended) The implement of Claim 704, wherein the at least ~~one~~ two additional tools ~~is~~ are releasably lockable in at least one of its storing and working positions.

Claim 753. (Currently Amended) The implement of Claim 752, wherein the at least ~~one~~ two additional tools ~~is~~ are lockable via a catch.

Claim 754. (Currently Amended) The implement of Claim 752, further comprising an actuator for unlocking at least one of ~~said additional tools~~ the at least two additional tools.

Claim 755. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 741, wherein slots are provided for said slide-action locking bars.

Claim 756. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 752, wherein slots are provided for keys for releasably locking said tool.

Claim 757. (Currently Amended) The implement of Claim 754, wherein the actuator is movable in a slot in one of the top and lateral surfaces of said member taking up ~~said additional tools~~ the at least two additional tools.

Claim 758. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 754, wherein said actuator is operative to unlock a plurality of said additional tools.

Claim 759. (Currently Amended) The implement of Claim 704, wherein said at least one two additional tools comprises a tool selected from the group consisting of a scissors, a knife blade, a cutter, a staple remover, a screw driver, an extendable pointer, a magnifier, and a rule.

Claim 760. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 704, wherein at least one of the members comprises adjacent channels extending in a longitudinal direction of the member, wherein in one of said channels functional elements of said stapler and said puncher, respectively, are disposed and wherein in at least one channel said additional tools are disposed.

Claim 761. (Previously Presented) The implement of claim 704, wherein said elongated body is substantially closed.

Claim 762. (Currently Amended) The implement of Claim 704, wherein the at least one two additional tools is are provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the staple anvil of said stapler and the hole die of said puncher, respectively.

Claim 763. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 704, comprising means for releasably holding the first and second members in the first position.

Claim 764. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 763, wherein said means comprises a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member.

Claim 765. (Previously Presented) A multipurpose handheld implement comprising:

a first and a second member, said first and second members being connected together to move between a first position, in which they form an elongated body, and a second position;

wherein said first and second members comprise at least one of the tools of a group consisting of a stapler and a puncher, said stapler comprising a staple magazine, a staple driver and a staple anvil of a stapler and said puncher comprising a punch, a hole die and a lever, said lever being positioned to actuate the punch;

wherein said first and second members when in the second position open an interspace to receive a workpiece for processing by one of the stapler and the puncher as the first and the second members are moved relative to each other;

wherein at least one of said members further comprises at least one additional tool in a storing position from which the at least one additional tool is movable into a working position;

wherein the member comprising the at least one additional tool comprises a hollow outer shell taking up the at least one additional tool in its storing position; and

wherein means are provided for releasably holding the first and second members in the first position; said first and second members, when in said first position, forming a grip for handling said at least one additional tool in its working position.

Claim 766. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 765, wherein the first and second members each comprise a hollow outer shell with a circumferential contour defining a respective base surface.

Claim 767. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 766, wherein the circumferential contours of the hollow shells of the first and second members when in the first position face one another.

Claim 768. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 766, wherein the shells in said first position are arranged in substantial mirror symmetry so that the contours of the shells are substantially aligned.

Claim 769. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 766, wherein each shell comprises a pair of substantially plane lateral surfaces extending substantially orthogonally to the base surface, and top and front surfaces having rounded contours.

Claim 770. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 765, wherein one of said members has an outer contour comprising a flattened section.

Claim 771. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 766, wherein in said first position the two base surfaces are spaced apart.

Claim 772. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 766, wherein the shells in said first position are at least partly arranged in spaced apart relationship and in said first position form an interspace therebetween, said interspace being open to at least one end of the implement and forming a slot for material to be processed by said stapler and said puncher, respectively.

Claim 773. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 765, wherein one of said first and second members in said first position is received at least partially in the other of said first and second members.

Claim 774. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 765, wherein one of said members comprises a recess into which at least a part of the other of said members is displaceable.

Claim 775. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 773, wherein, in said first position, respective outer contours of said members are substantially flush.

Claim 776. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 773, wherein an insertion slot for receiving material to be processed is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the staple anvil of said stapler.

Claim 777. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 773, wherein an insertion slot for receiving material to be processed is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the hole die of said puncher.

Claim 778. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 769, wherein the lateral surfaces of at least one member are depressed relative to the contours of the top and front surfaces.

Claim 779. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 766, wherein at least one of the members comprises a metallic core and a plastic cover cap mounted on said core.

Claim 780. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 779, wherein said at least one core is U-shaped and comprises a U-base and a pair of U-legs, the U-base forming the base surface and the U-legs defining the lateral surfaces of the respective member.

Claim 781. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 769, wherein at least one actuating element is disposed on at least one of the lateral surfaces.

Claim 782. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 781, wherein the at least one actuating element is substantially flush with the contours of a top and end surface of the member provided with the at least one actuating element.

Claim 783. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 766, wherein the members are interconnected adjacent a frontal surface by means of a pivot, the axis of which extends orthogonal to a longitudinal axis and parallel to the base surfaces of said members.

Claim 784. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 783, wherein one of the members comprises a bearing bracket which extends into a hollow space of the other member wherein said pivot is disposed.

Claim 785. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 765, wherein one of said members forms a lever-like actuator for the stapler.

Claim 786. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 765, wherein one of said members forms a lever-like actuator for the puncher.

Claim 787. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 765, wherein said members are spring biased into the second position which is defined by stops.

Claim 788. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 787, wherein the stops are inactivatable.

Claim 789. (Currently Amended) The implement of Claim 765, wherein the means for releasably holding the first and second members comprises a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein said locking element includes a manually operated actuator.

Claim 790. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 789, wherein said actuator comprises a slider switch.

Claim 791. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 789, wherein said actuator is disposed at a top surface of the one of said members including the locking element.

Claim 792. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 789, wherein the members are interconnected by a pivot adjacent one end of the members, and wherein said actuator is disposed adjacent the other end of the members.

Claim 793. (Currently Amended) The implement of Claim 765, wherein the means for releasably holding the first and second members comprises a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein the locking element is displaceable parallel to a top surface of the respective member.

Claim 794. (Currently Amended) The implement of Claim 765, wherein the means for releasably holding the first and second members comprises a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided, and wherein said other of said members comprises a bracket, and wherein the bracket comprises the locking receiver.

Claim 795. (Currently Amended) The implement of Claim 765, wherein the means for releasably holding the first and second members comprises further comprising means for selectively activating and deactivating the stapler.

Claim 796. (Currently Amended) The implement of Claim 765, wherein the means for releasably holding the first and second members comprises further comprising means for automatically deactivating the stapler after each stapling operation so that when the first and second members are in the first position after said stapling operation the stapler is inactive; and means for manually activating the stapler after deactivation by said deactivating means.

Claim 797. (Currently Amended) The implement of Claim 765,
wherein one of said members comprises a first activating mechanism for activating said stapler, and a second activating mechanism for releasing ~~a latch~~ the means for releasably holding the first and second members; and

wherein the first and second activating mechanisms are manually operable from at least one position external to said one of the members.

Claim 798. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 797, wherein each of said first and second activating mechanisms comprises a manually operated actuator.

Claim 799. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 795, wherein a first activating mechanism is located within an area adjacent to said staple driver.

Claim 800. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 798, wherein said member comprises a top surface, a pair of lateral surfaces and a pair of end surfaces, the actuator for

activating said stapler being provided at the end surface adjacent to the staple driver and the actuator for activating said latch being positioned at the top surface.

Claim 801. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 765, wherein at least one of said members is provided with a cavity for receiving said at least one additional tool in its storing position.

Claim 802. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 765, wherein the at least one additional tool is slideably disposed in at least one of the members.

Claim 803. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 802, wherein the at least one additional tool comprises a slide-action locking bar which is actuatable from the exterior.

Claim 804. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 765, wherein a plurality of additional tools are disposed parallel to a longitudinal extension of the members.

Claim 805. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 802, wherein the at least one member comprises slots at at least one of its end surfaces, said at least one additional tool being slidable through said slots into its working positions.

Claim 806. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 802, wherein said at least one additional tool has a guiding shank provided at its rear end with respect to the telescoping direction.

Claim 807. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 806, wherein a longitudinal guide for said guiding shank is provided.

Claim 808. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 807, wherein the guiding shank is provided with a sliding block.

Claim 809. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 802, wherein the at least one additional tool is slidable along one of its top and lateral surfaces of the corresponding member.

Claim 810. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 765, wherein the at least one additional tool is pivotably connected with the at least one of said members such that it is pivotable out of said member into its working position.

Claim 811. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 765, wherein at least one removable tool is disposed in at least one of the members and is removable from said member.

Claim 812. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 765, wherein the at least one additional tool is spring-biased in at least one of its storing and working positions.

Claim 813. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 765, wherein the at least one additional tool is releasably lockable in at least one of its storing and working positions.

Claim 814. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 813, wherein the at least one additional tool is lockable via a catch.

Claim 815. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 813, further comprising an actuator for unlocking at least one of said additional tools.

Claim 816. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 802, wherein slots are provided for said slide-action locking bars.

Claim 817. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 813, wherein slots are provided for keys for releasably locking said tool.

Claim 818. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 815, wherein the actuator is movable in a slot in one of the top and lateral surfaces of said member taking up said additional tool.

Claim 819. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 815, wherein said actuator is operative to unlock a plurality of said additional tools.

Claim 820. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 765, wherein said at least one additional tool comprises a tool selected from the group consisting of a scissors, a knife blade, a cutter, a staple remover, a screw driver, an extendable pointer, a magnifier, and a rule.

Claim 821. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 765, wherein at least one of the members comprises adjacent channels extending in a longitudinal direction of the member, wherein in one of said channels functional elements of said stapler and said puncher, respectively, are disposed, and wherein in at least one channel said additional tools are disposed.

Claim 822. (Previously Presented) The implement of claim 765, wherein said elongated body is substantially closed.

Claim 823. (Previously Presented) The implement of Claim 765, wherein the at least one additional tool is provided in the one of said first and second members comprising the staple anvil of said stapler and the hole die of said puncher, respectively.

Claim 824. Cancelled

Claim 825. (Currently Amended) The implement of Claim 765 824, wherein said means for releasably holding the and second members comprises a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member.

Claim 826. (Previously Presented) A multipurpose hand-held implement, which in a storing position forms an elongated body, comprising:

 a stapler with an insertion slot for material to be processed and an actuator pivotable about an axis, said actuator in the storing position being substantially flush with said body or being part of said body;

 wherein said body further comprises at least one additional bladelike tool in a storing position from which it is movable into a working position, said at least one additional bladelike tool having a broadside lying within a radial plane of said axis;

 wherein said body is forming a grip for handling said at least one additional bladelike tool in its working position.

Claim 827. (Previously Presented) A multipurpose hand-held implement, which in a storing position forms an elongated body, comprising:

a stapler with an insertion slot for material to be processed and an actuator, said actuator in the storing position being substantially flush with said body or being part of said body; wherein said body further comprises a receiving space open to the exterior for accommodating at least one additional tool in its storing position; said at least one additional tool can be folded out about an axis at the front side of said body; and wherein means are provided for releasably holding said actuator in the storing position; said body with said actuator in the storing position forming a grip for handling said at least one additional tool in its working position.